

Todd Smith

Biography

PROFESSIONAL:

After working as an associate and partner at two well-respected law firms in Dallas (Locke, Purnell, Rain, Harrell) and Tarrant Counties and handling hundreds of cases on both sides of the civil trial docket, Mr. Smith formed The Todd Smith Law Firm - a civil litigation practice - in Bedford, Texas, in 1996. He is board certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and in Civil Trial Law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Professional Honors

- Selected as a Texas Super Lawyer by Texas Monthly Magazine each year since 2006.
- Voted Top Attorney in the area of Personal Injury Law and Product Liability Law by Fort Worth, Texas, Magazine each year since 2004.
- Awarded each year since 1999 an 'AV' (A = preeminent attorney, V= very high general ethical standards) rating by Martindale Hubbell, which is the highest rating given by this preeminent national legal directory and is based upon confidential survey responses of attorneys and judges.

EDUCATION

- Attended the University of Texas School of Law, graduating with Honors in 1988.
- Attended Southern Methodist University from 1981-1985, graduating Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a BA in Political Science and a minor in Economics.
- Graduated from Trinity High School in Euless, Texas in 1981, where he was President of his senior class.

Educational Honors

CURRENT:

- Named in 2008 to Introductory Class of the Hurst Euless Bedford ISD Hall of Fame. Chosen as one of the two most accomplished graduates from Trinity High School which opened in 1968.
- Named Trinity High School "Alumni of the Year" in 1995-96.
- Received an SMU Political Science Scholarship to participate in a program at the American University in Washington, D.C., including work as an aide for then U.S. Congressman, and former Tarrant County Judge and Arlington Mayor Tom Vandergriff (1983).

PERSONAL

Mr. Smith was born in Arlington, Texas, on March 23, 1963. He has been a resident of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford area since 1971. He is married to Nancy McKinney Smith, a native of Fayetteville, Arkansas. They have two sons, Spencer and Sawyer, ages 17 and 14. The Smith's reside in Euless and are members of The First Baptist Church of Euless. Mr. Smith is also a member of the Board of Directors of The Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce, The Mid-Cities Optimist Club, and The Hurst Euless Bedford Rotary Club, where he was named "Rotarian of the

Year" in 1993-94.

ELECTED OFFICE

1996 - present

Texas State Representative, District 92 (Serving Hurst, Euless, Bedford, Arlington, Grand Prairie and Fort Worth). Re-elected without opposition in 1998, 2000, 2004 and 2006. Re-elected with opposition in 2002 and 2008.

1991 - 1996

City Council, Euless, Texas

Legislative Committee Assignments

81st Session:

Chairman, Elections; Transportation; Redistricting; House Research Organization

80th Session:

Chairman, Tarrant County Legislative Delegation; Vice Chairman, Insurance; County Affairs; Redistricting; House Research Organization

79th Session:

Appropriations; Elections

78th Session:

Vice Chairman, Judicial Affairs; Government Reform

77th Session:

Appropriations; Public Education; Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance; Select Committee on the Equalization of Appellate Court Funding; Select Committee on Teacher Health Insurance

76th Session:

Public Education; Criminal Jurisprudence; Select Committee on Judicial Interpretations of Law

75th Session:

Juvenile Justice and Family Issues; Financial Institutions

Legislative Appointments

2005:

Appointed by Speaker of the House, Tom Craddick, to serve on the Budgets and Revenue committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

2003:

Appointed by Speaker of the House, Tom Craddick, to serve on the Task Force on Indigent Defense and the Texas Judicial Council.

2000:

Appointed by Governor George W. Bush to represent the State of Texas on the Southern Regional

Education Board.

1999:

Appointed by Speaker of the House, Pete Laney, to the National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Education

1997:

Appointed by Speaker of the House, Pete Laney, to the National Conference of State Legislatures Council for State Health Leadership Development

Legislative Honors

- Selected as "Outstanding Legislator" by The Texas Police Chiefs Association
- Selected as a "Legislative Star" by The Texas Classroom Teachers Association
- Selected as a "Fighter for Free Enterprise" by the Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce
- Received the "Legislative Excellence Award" from the Texas Municipal Police Association
- Received the "Distinguished Legislative Service Award" from the Texas Municipal League.

Additional Civic Involvement

- Officer, College Republican Club at SMU (1981-1985)
- Member, Planning & Zoning Commission, City of Euless (1990-1991)
- Member, Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce (1992-present)
- Member, Hurst-Euless-Bedford Rotary Club (1992-present), "1993-94 Rotarian of the Year"
- Member & Former Officer, Northeast Tarrant County Republican Club (1992-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Airport Area YMCA (1993-1994)
- Member, Tarrant County Republican Judicial Selection Committee (1993-1994)
- Founding Board Member, Hurst-Euless-Bedford Sports Hall of Fame (1995)
- Member, First Baptist Church of Euless Community Impact Committee (1995)
- Member, Northeast Leadership Forum (1995-present)
- Member, The Mid-Cities Optimist Club (1996-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce (1997-present)
- Member, Leadership Hurst-Euless-Bedford Advisory Committee (1999-present)
- Honorary Member, Board of Directors, Northeast Tarrant County Right-To-Life Association (1999-present)
- Charter Member, Euless Library Foundation Advisory Board (2004-present)

Greatest Accomplishment

Has personally read hundreds of books to his two children, including The Chronicles of Narnia series, The Childhood of Famous Americans series, The Lord of the Rings series, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The History of U.S. (10 volumes), Of Mice and Men, The Call of the Wild, Animal Farm, and All Quiet on the Western Front.

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